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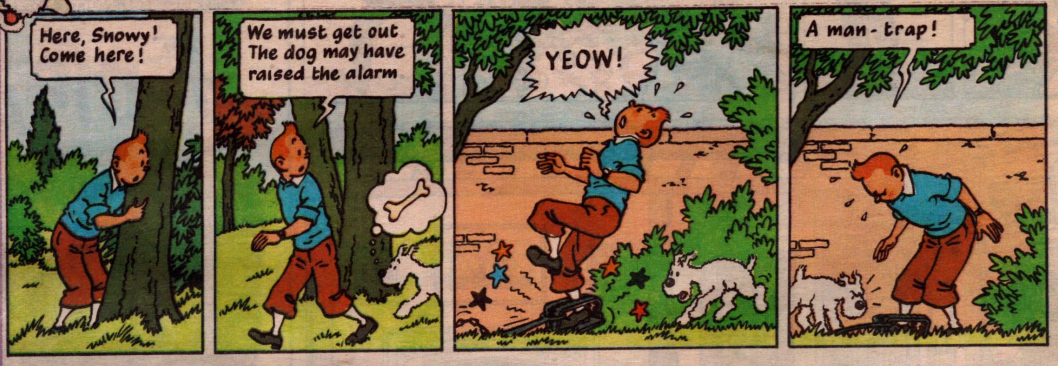
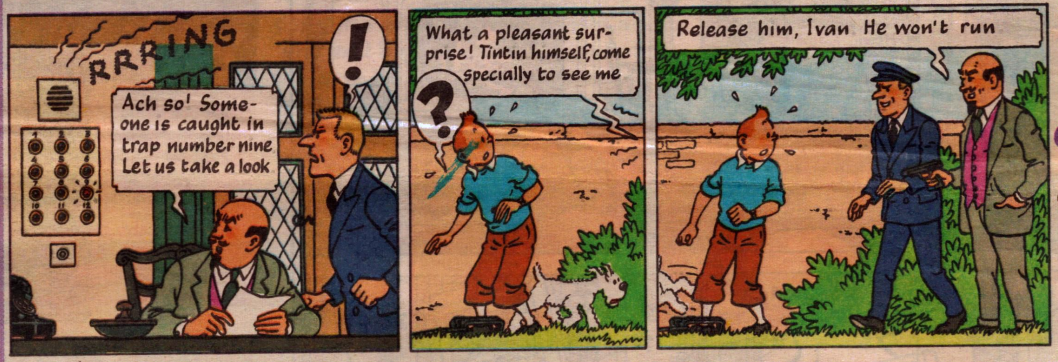
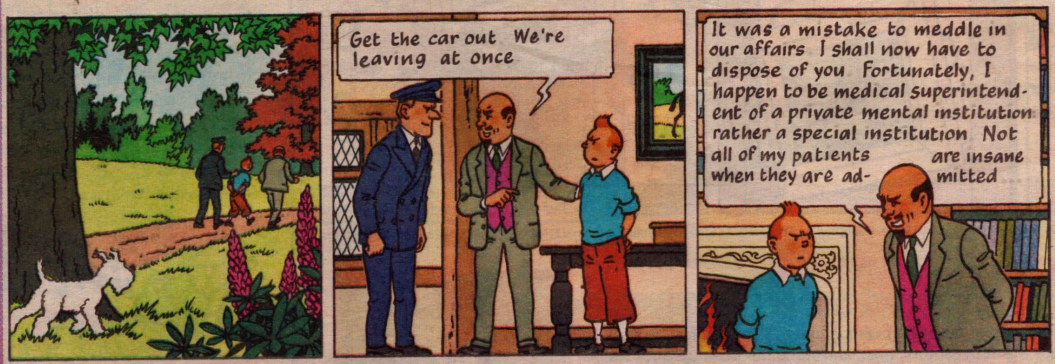
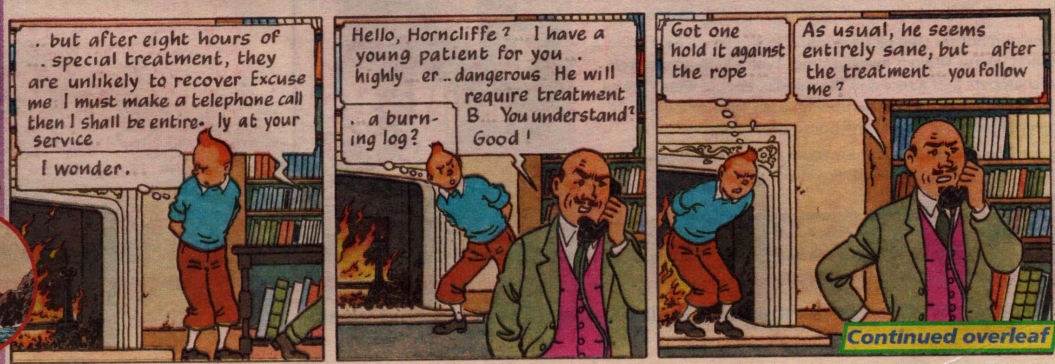
THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

THE BLACK ISLAND









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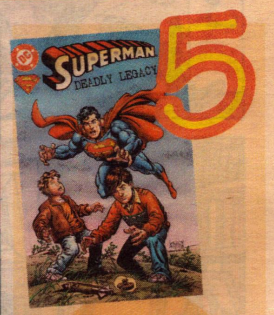

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Superman to the rescue!
The caped crusader in a mission to save children in Bosnia

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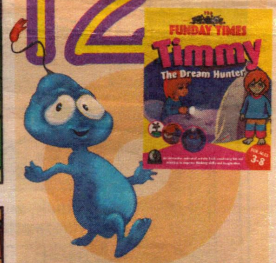

Funday on disk
Your chance to get interactive with The Funday Times

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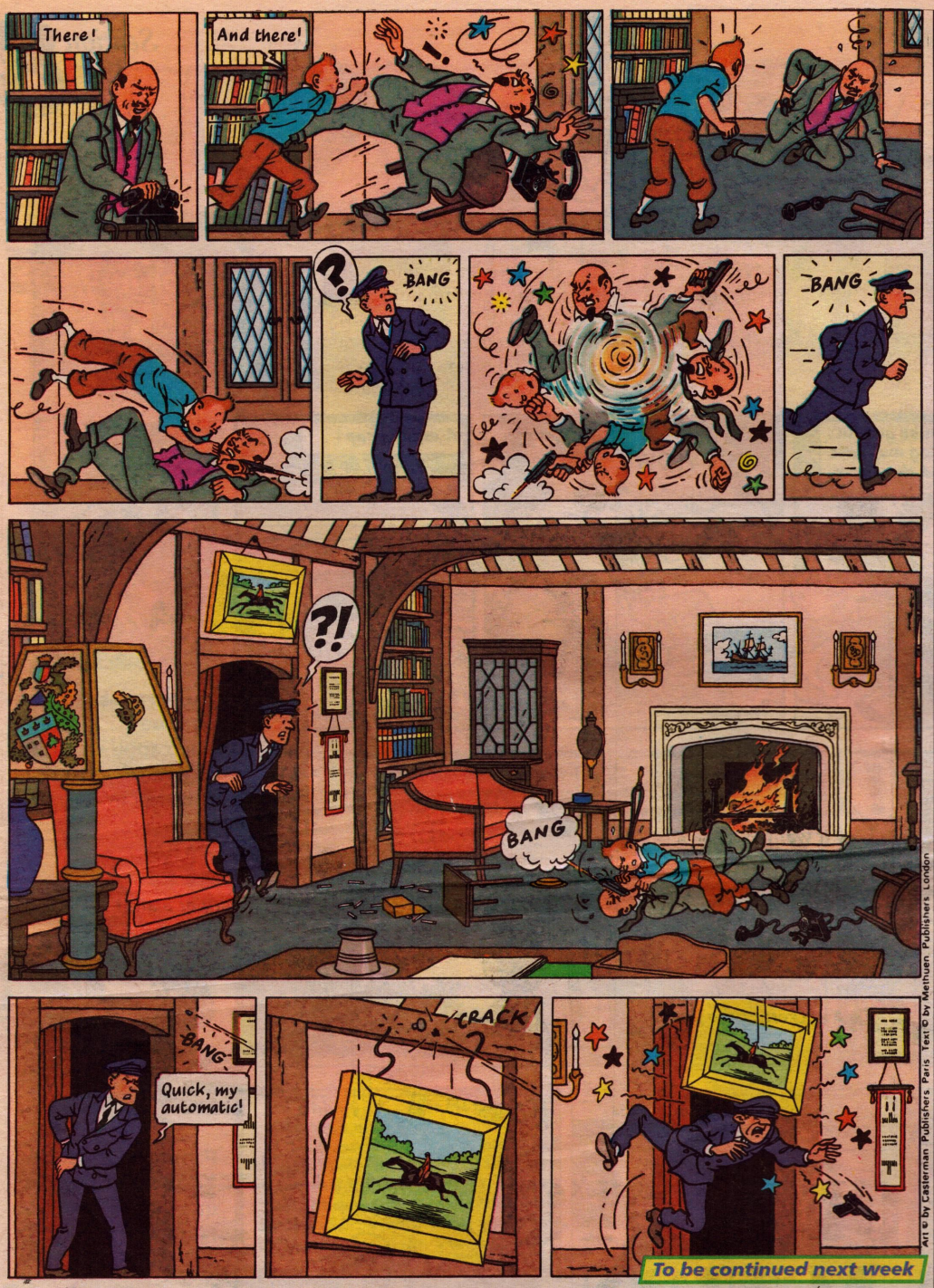
Inside a CD-Rom
We show you what goes into making a CD-Rom



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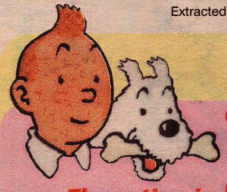

Fact File

The action in Tintin is set in a timber-framed house! We take a closer look

- Timber was the main building material for medieval houses Since the 16th century, brick and stone has been used for walls but timber is still used for roof structures, partitions and floors
- Wealden houses (see pic) are found in the South East of England where Tintin is investigating. Typically they have two end chambers and a recess in the middle. People were careful not to walk under the garderobe, an early type of loo which projected from the side of the house over a cesspit

See examples of these houses at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, W Sussex Tel 01243 81348.

For more Tintin information or a mail order catalogue of Tintin books postcards and T-shirts contact **The Tintin Shop** in London on **0171-838 0901**

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The Funday Times Club, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorks, LS24 9XA

f-mail...

Dear f-mail
This is my Boxer dog called Henry. Did you know that breeders usually put down these white Boxers as they do not conform to the Boxer dog look as required by the snobs in the kennel club? Our Henry is eight years-old and is in perfect health.
Rebecca Donovan, age 13, Wilts.

Dear f-mail
A few days ago I found a great big pile of all the first Funday Times to be printed in our attic. There were hundreds of them. They were covered in dust and look very different to the Funday Times we have today. I have started reading them in order and I'm on number 23, only another 169 to go!
Alexander Swan, age 10, Plymouth

Star letter

Dear f-mail
I would just like to send a message to, everyone out there who has freckles. Don't worry if people call you freckle face or even pizza face, just be proud to be different. I am, and I think of my freckles as tons of beauty spots! And so should you! It's cool to be different and to be an individual.
Karen Thomson, age 13, Surrey

FUNDAY TIMES CLUB

Join the Club!

CLUB MEMBERS

As a member you could see your drawings on this page. You can also enter all our competitions including the Action Man competition below. Coupon and details on page five. The first 100 to join this week will also receive a Microfax Spy Wallet and three Microfax Spy books.

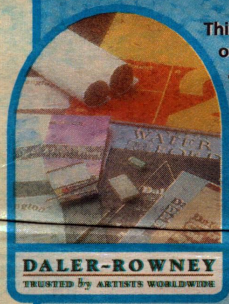
MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you're an existing member and you want to enter our competitions, but you've lost your membership card, don't panic, we have all your names on computer. Just mark on the postcard that you are a Club member. You can also apply for a new membership card by sending £1 cheque or Postal Order made payable to 'The Funday Times Club' to the address on page 2.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

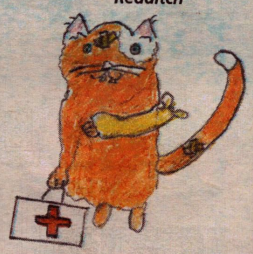
Keep us posted if you change address. Drop The Funday Times Club a note and we'll update our computer.

Drawing board



This week's prize will bring out the best in budding artists – fine art and graphic materials from Daler Rowney. Our Cartoon King will win Daler-Rowney's new A3 Artbag filled with paper, paints, pencils and brushes. Runners-up will win an Artbag and set of 12 Derwent Artists' Pencils. So get Drawing!

Kimberley Hannon, age 9, Redditch

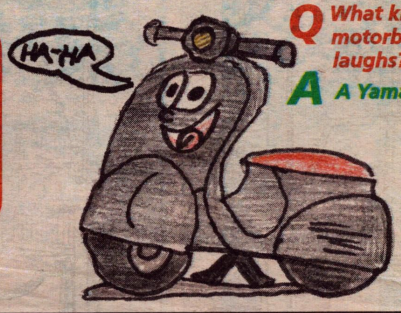


Q Why did the cat buy some bandages?

A It wanted to be a first aid kit!

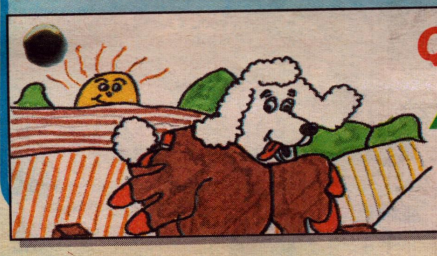
Cartoon King

Charlotte Warren, age 12, East Grinstead



Q What kind of motorbike laughs?

A A Yamaha-ha!



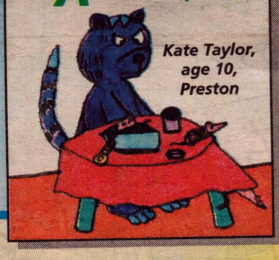
Q What do you get if you cross a cockerel with a poodle?

A A cockerpoodle doo!

Vicky Green, age 12, East Sussex

Q What do cats eat for breakfast?

A Mice crispies!

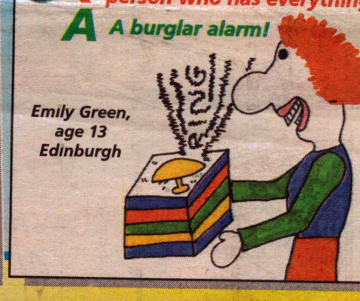


Kate Taylor, age 10, Preston

Q What's a good present for a person who has everything?

A A burglar alarm!

Emily Green, age 13 Edinburgh



GET INTO ACTION

Do you know that Action Man is 30 years old! To help celebrate three decades of the nation's favourite action figure, Hasbro have launched this exclusive limited edition Action Man figure which has been created to capture the spirit of the original Action Man back in 1966 and comes with a range of authentic 60's-style accessories.

Answers to the Club address on Page 2 by November 25

50 winners will each receive an Action Man 30th anniversary limited edition figure.

For your chance to win, tell us the year Action Man was launched.

the NUMSKULLS

THE NUMSKULLS APPEAR EVERY WEEK IN THE BEANO

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THE COD HAS HEARD OF PEOPLE AND PHONES

being bugged – but never furry animals. Believe it or not, 22 red squirrels in Norfolk, have been fitted with radio transmitters. This is to help them in their fight for survival against the ever increasing number of American grey squirrels. The bugged reds will be tracked to see what trees provide their favourite delicacies. It's possible spring-loaded entrances may be used to let in lightweight reds but not the heftier greys!

The COD'S QUESTION

Dear Cod
Can you help me date my favourite snack? When were crisps first eaten?
Joanna Lever, age 11, Derby

Dear Joanna, the story goes that very thin slices of potato were first fried up by a chef called George Crum in 1853 in a hotel in New York after a complaint about his fried potatoes being too fat! They were an instant smash! But Brits didn't get their crisps until 1913. And it wasn't until 1920 that Smiths crisps started putting the famous blue bag of salt in their packs.

FUNDAY TIMES NEWS

Village people

Albert Uderzo, the artist who draws the world-famous Asterix cartoon books, has finally identified the tiny French village which he used as a model for his hero's head-quarters. Monsieur Uderzo says that Erquy, a small fishing port on the Brittany coast where he used to spend his holidays as a boy, is the 'birthplace of Asterix'. Villagers are now expecting a rush of tourists to the area.

On the nose

Victoria Shalet returns to our TV screens on Wednesday (4.35pm, BBC1) in a new series of Dick King-Smith's 'The Queen's Nose'. She plays the mischief-making Harmony Parker, the girl with the magic 50p piece. In this second series, as well as coping with all the eccentric members of her family, Harmony now has to deal with two new characters - her 'grandma from hell' and a bad-tempered headmaster. But she has had lots of practise, Victoria, 15, started acting, singing and dance lessons when she was just six years old.

On a mission

Superman has an important mission – to warn Bosnian children about the dangers of land mines and unexploded ammunition left all over Bosnia. DC Comics and the US government have produced a special edition of the caped crusader's comic in which he stops two boys from stepping on a mine and from playing with an unexploded rocket. A survey showed that Superman was Bosnian kids' favourite super-hero. Batman has been recruited to star in a follow-up story.

Backstreet boy

Thirteen year-old Philip Sarson makes his TV debut playing both Prince Edward and Tom Canty, a poor child in 16th century London. The new adaptation of Mark Twain's 'The Prince and the Pauper' (starts today, 5pm, BBC1). The boys get mistaken for each other and Tom finds himself living it up in the Palace while Edward has to learn how to survive on the streets.

Browned off

Scientists in Hawaii have discovered that sharks can get a suntan just like humans. In a study conducted by researchers at the Hawaiian Institute of Marine Biology, young hammerhead sharks' skins were seen to turn from light yellow through brown to black, the closer they came to the surface. The change is due to melanin, the same pigment which helps people develop a tan.

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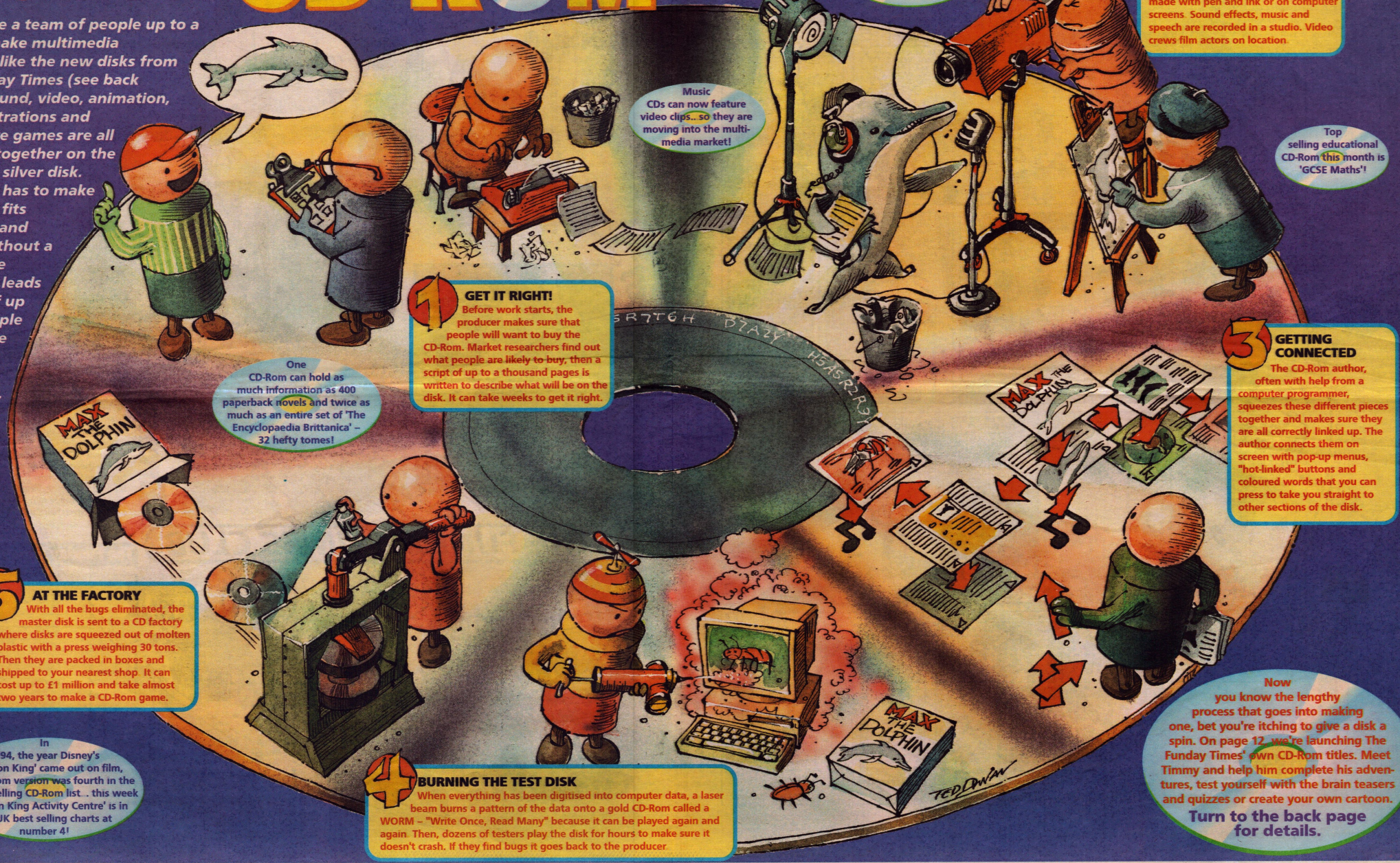
INSIDE A CD-ROM

It can take a team of people up to a year to make multimedia CD-Roms like the new disks from The Funday Times (see back page). Sound, video, animation, text, illustrations and interactive games are all brought together on the flat shiny silver disk. The team has to make sure it all fits together and works without a glitch. The producer leads a team of up to 20 people who make the disk for the publisher.



It takes a long time to develop but just five seconds to press a finished CD-Rom.

2 CREATING MULTIMEDIA

'Multimedia' means there are pictures, sound and words. Drawings, graphics and illustrations are made with pen and ink or on computer screens. Sound effects, music and speech are recorded in a studio. Video crews film actors on location.

Music CDs can now feature video clips.. so they are moving into the multi-media market!

Top selling educational CD-Rom this month is 'GCSE Maths'!

1 GET IT RIGHT!

Before work starts, the producer makes sure that people will want to buy the CD-Rom. Market researchers find out what people are likely to buy, then a script of up to a thousand pages is written to describe what will be on the disk. It can take weeks to get it right.

One CD-Rom can hold as much information as 400 paperback novels and twice as much as an entire set of 'The Encyclopaedia Brittanica' – 32 hefty tomes!

3 GETTING CONNECTED

The CD-Rom author, often with help from a computer programmer, squeezes these different pieces together and makes sure they are all correctly linked up. The author connects them on screen with pop-up menus, "hot-linked" buttons and coloured words that you can press to take you straight to other sections of the disk.

5 AT THE FACTORY

With all the bugs eliminated, the master disk is sent to a CD factory where disks are squeezed out of molten plastic with a press weighing 30 tons. Then they are packed in boxes and shipped to your nearest shop. It can cost up to £1 million and take almost two years to make a CD-Rom game.

In 1994, the year Disney's 'The Lion King' came out on film, the CD-Rom version was fourth in the US Best Selling CD-Rom list .. this week 'The Lion King Activity Centre' is in the UK best selling charts at number 4!

4 BURNING THE TEST DISK

When everything has been digitised into computer data, a laser beam burns a pattern of the data onto a gold CD-Rom called a WORM – "Write Once, Read Many" because it can be played again and again. Then, dozens of testers play the disk for hours to make sure it doesn't crash. If they find bugs it goes back to the producer.

Now you know the lengthy process that goes into making one, bet you're itching to give a disk a spin. On page 12 we're launching The Funday Times' own CD-Rom titles. Meet Timmy and help him complete his adventures, test yourself with the brain teasers and quizzes or create your own cartoon.

Turn to the back page for details.

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BERYL THE PERIL

BERYL THE PERIL APPEARS EVERY WEEK IN The DANDY

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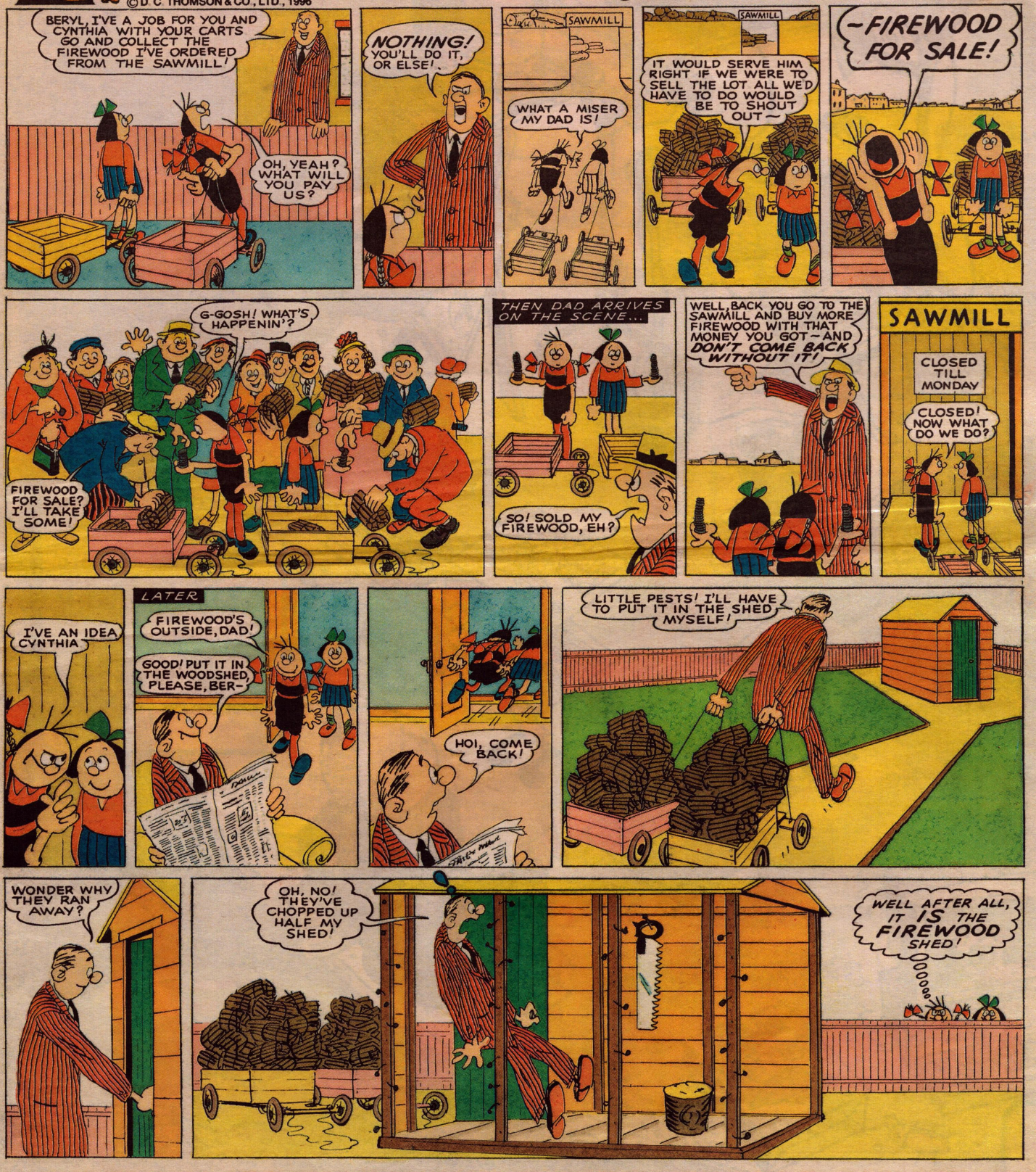

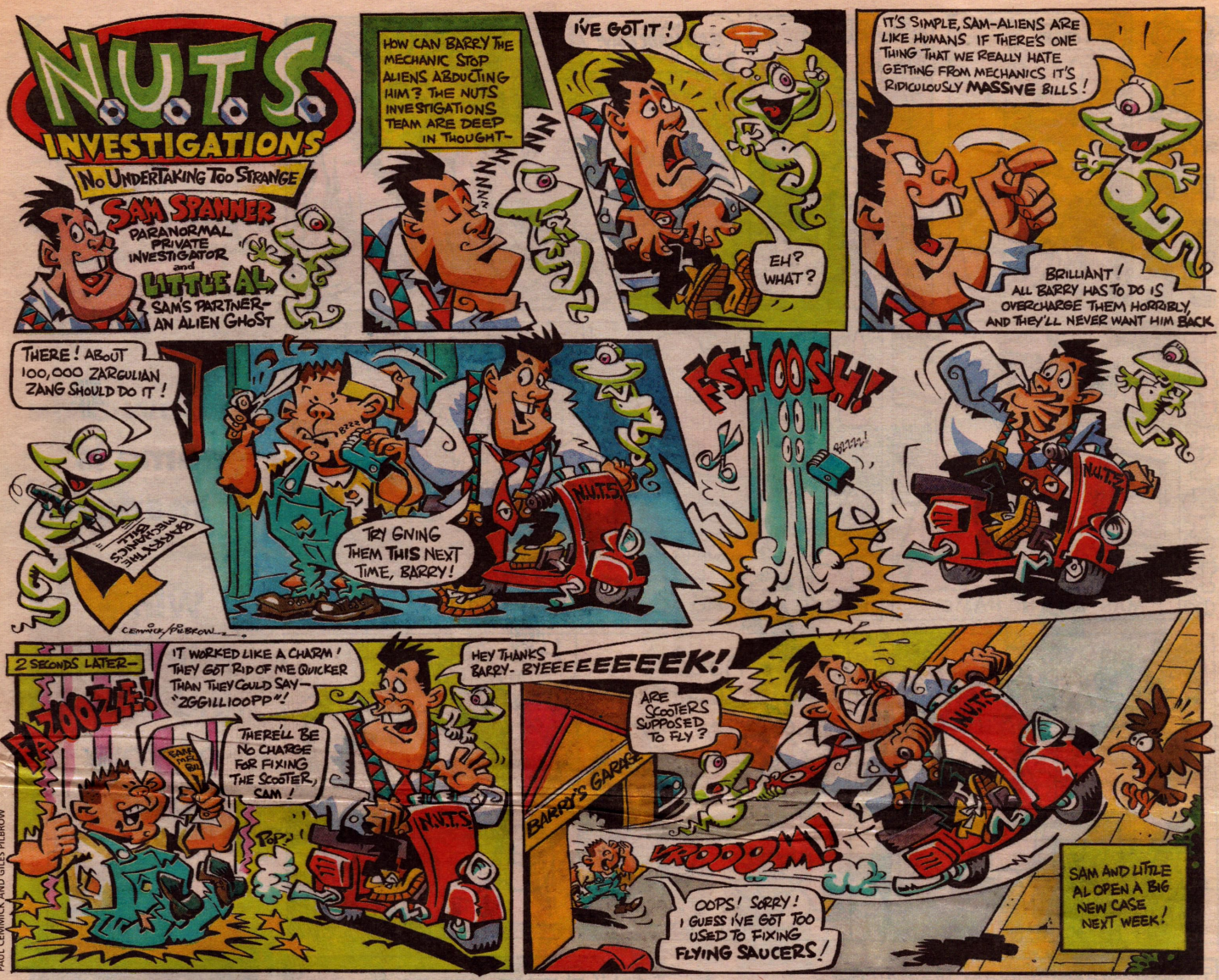
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INVESTIGATIONS
NO UNDERTAKING TOO STRANGE
SAM SPANNER
PARANORMAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
and
LITTLE AL
SAM'S PARTNER- AN ALIEN GHOST
HOW CAN BARRY THE MECHANIC STOP ALIENS ABDUCTING HIM? THE NUTS INVESTIGATIONS TEAM ARE DEEP IN THOUGHT-
I'VE GOT IT!
EH? WHAT?
IT'S SIMPLE, SAM- ALIENS ARE LIKE HUMANS IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT WE REALLY HATE GETTING FROM MECHANICS IT'S RIDICULOUSLY MASSIVE BILLS!
BRILLIANT! ALL BARRY HAS TO DO IS OVERCHARGE THEM HORRIBLY, AND THEY'LL NEVER WANT HIM BACK
THERE! ABOUT 100,000 ZARGULIAN ZANG SHOULD DO IT!
DESTROY THE MECHANICS CAR!
TRY GNING THEM THIS NEXT TIME, BARRY!
N.U.T.S.
FSHOOSH!
2 SECONDS LATER-
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM! THEY GOT RID OF ME QUICKER THAN THEY COULD SAY- "ZGGILLIOOPP"!
HEY THANKS BARRY- BYEEEEEEEEEK!
THERE'LL BE NO CHARGE FOR FIXING THE SCOOTER, SAM!
FAZOOZZ!
POP!
ARE SCOOTERS SUPPOSED TO FLY?
BARRY'S GARAGE
KROOOM!
OOPS! SORRY! I GUESS I'VE GOT TOO USED TO FIXING FLYING SAUCERS!
SAM AND LITTLE AL OPEN A BIG NEW CASE NEXT WEEK!
PAUL CEMMICK AND GILES PILBROW

FISH TALES
I'M MAROONED ON AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN
THINGS CAN'T GET MUCH WORSE
LOOK, PSYCHO'S COME TO CHEER YOU UP
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH
PSYCHO
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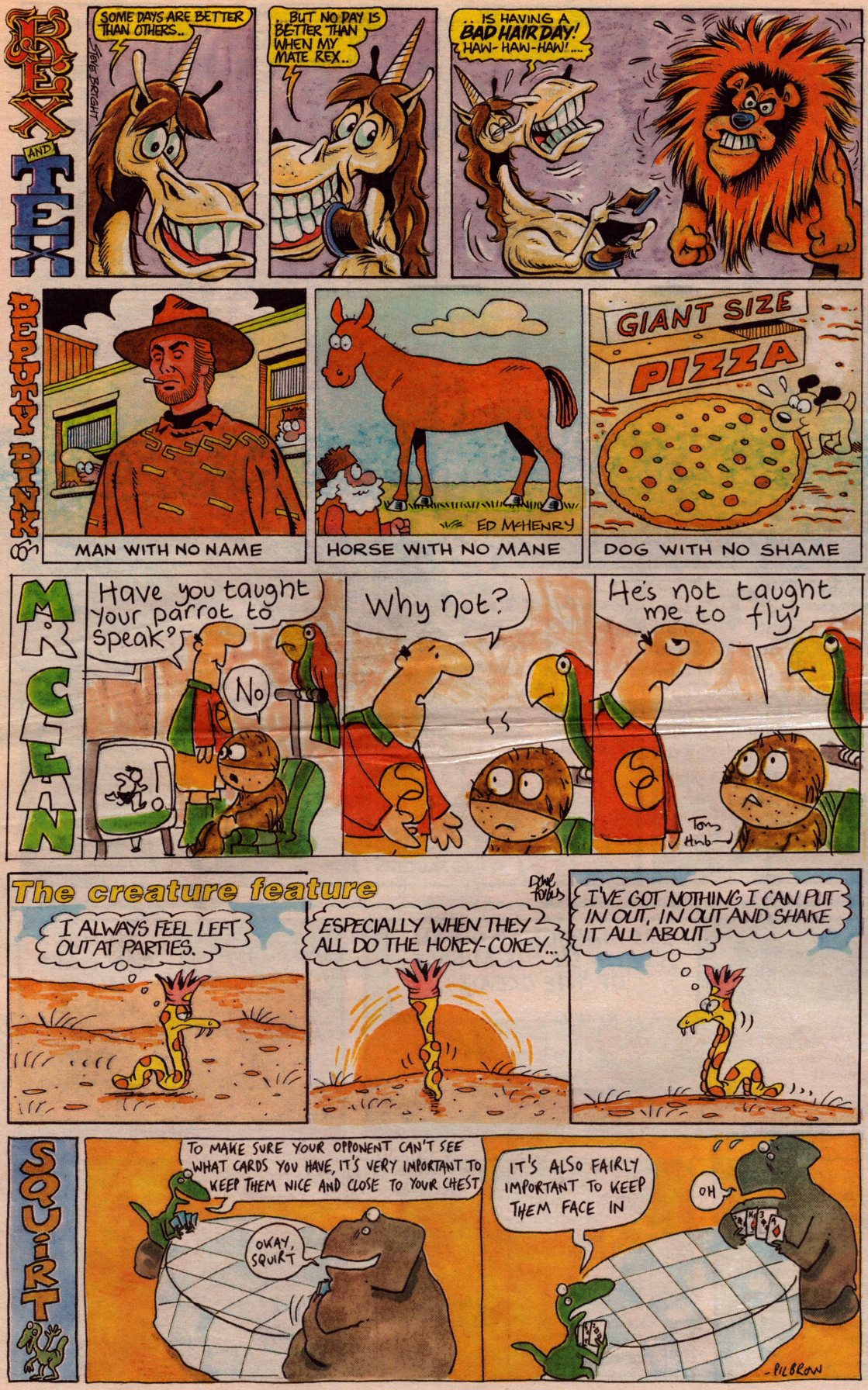

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Next week in The Funday Times

How a game is made

Win a televison and video of your own

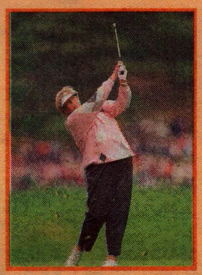
Which young cricketer's on the ball!

FUNDAY TIMES SPORT

Red Card

Stranraer Football Club in Scotland gets the Red Card for being Britain's most pessimistic team. The club pulled off a surprise victory last weekend to win the Scottish Challenge Cup, only to discover that, having not won a major trophy in their 126-year history, there was no trophy cabinet to display the cup at their ground!

Gold Medal



A Gold Medal this week to British golfer Laura Davies. Laura has already secured her place at the top of the European rankings and this week, she put in another top performance to become the number one ranked player in America as well. She's now regarded by most experts as being the best woman golfer of all time.

Rugby Union

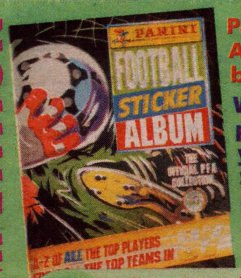
Phil de Glanville

Phil de Glanville has just taken over one of the toughest jobs in British sport - captain of the England rugby team. Phil has taken over the captain's armband from Will Carling, who will be a tough act to follow because he was one of the most successful captains in the sport's history. Experts, though, are already saying that Phil has the ability to do just as well.

- Phil has not only taken over from Will Carling as captain, he also plays in the same position in the team, centre.
- Phil was born in 1968 and he celebrated his 28th birthday last month.
- He went to Bryanston School in Dorset before studying at both Durham and Oxford Universities.
- Phil has played in 16 Tests for England and made his debut against South Africa in 1992.
- As well as his new England job, he is also the captain of his club side, Bath.

Sportrait

COMPETITION



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With 144 fantastic fact-filled colour pages and over 300 stickers to collect, you can have Giggs, Shearer and Sheringham at your fingertips! We've got 500 Football Sticker Album '97 to give away, plus two sticker packs each to start your collection.

WIN! WIN! WIN!

***To win,* tell us which team Teddy Sheringham plays for.**

Answers to the club address on page 2 by November 25

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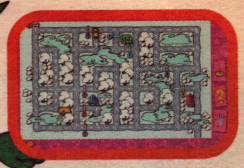

Seven new Funday Times CD-Rom titles have arrived. You can choose between stories, games and brainteasing puzzles. And if you buy one you'll get another one (of the same value or less) for FREE! Buy two and we'll give you two free (of the same value or less).

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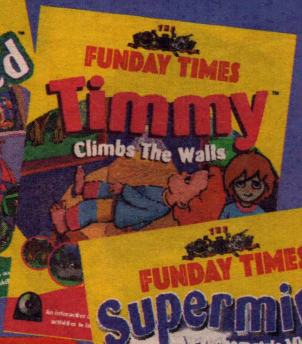

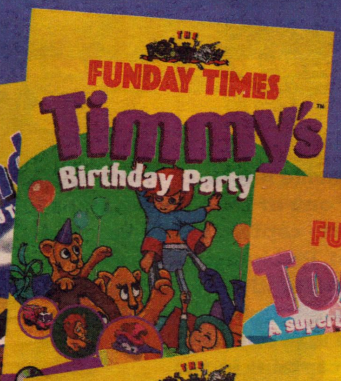

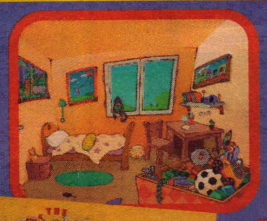

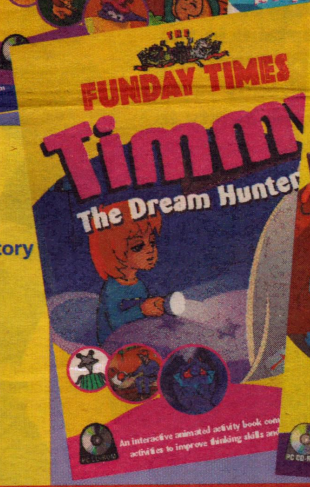

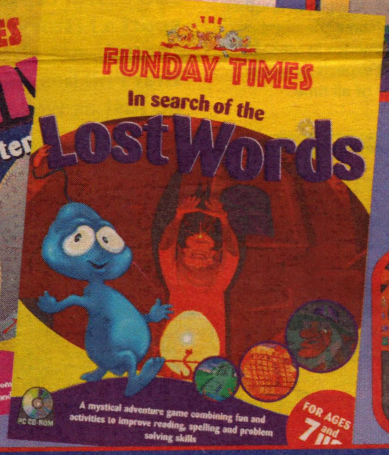

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